Stockbridge Where Community Connects	PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES APRIL 2, 2025 6:00PM

	Present	Absent
Mayor Anthony S. Ford	X	
Rashawn George	X	
Antonio Gordon	X	
Mark D. Glenn	X	
Toseika Thomas	X	
Vacant Board Member		
Vacant- Board Member		
Vanessa Holiday, Secretary/Recorder	X	
Quinton Washington – City Attorney		X
Vacant - City Manager		
Gerald Sanders, Economic Development Director	X	

Call to Order made by Mayor Ford

Roll Call by the Board Secretary. All members were present.

Board member Glenn motioned to approve the Meeting Agenda; Second by Board member George. The motion passed 4-0.

Board member George motioned to approve the December 20, 2022 Minutes; Second by Mayor Ford. The motion passed 4-0.

Board member Gordon joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

New Business

Election of Officers
Board member George was nominated by Board member Glenn for Board Chair, who accepted the nomination. Motion to approve the appointment of Board Member George for Board Chair was approved unanimously 5-0.

Board member Glenn was nominated by Board member George for Board Vice Chair, who accepted the nomination. Motion to approve the appointment of Board Member Glenn for Vice Chair was approved unanimously 5-0.

Discussion
Mayor Ford noted the last action of this board was the bonding of the Amphitheater, and that in August of this year, 2025, the Amphitheater will be paid off; and noted H J Russell Company was the construction company, and TSW (Tunnel Spangler Walsh) were the architects.

Mayor Ford noted the city has entered into a 4-year contract with VyStar Credit Union for the Amphitheater naming rights.

Mayor Ford noted the City Council recently held a Retreat where the project list of priorities was set, and that this board may be involved in transactions for public facilities such as the Youth/Senior – Community Center, and perhaps the Pedestrian Bridge project.

Mayor Ford noted the city is growing, and development is coming, and the city is excited about the growth, the Wayfinding Project which will include directional signage at Floyd Chapel, the Merle Manders Conference Center, in the downtown area, and throughout the outskirts of the city, and introduced Mr. Gerald Sanders, the city's Economic Development Director.

Chair George asked how the city benefits with VyStar having naming rights.

Mayor Ford noted VyStar has committed to a sponsorship of $1.2 million dollars over the next four years.

Mr. Sanders gave a brief overview of his background in economic development, and noted the city has made a significant investment in the Wayfinding Project, where there will new directional signage installed around the city; noted the Amphitheater was the first step to boosting the economy with investors buying vacant buildings, opening restaurants, and more to come; noted there will be enhanced lighting in the downtown area, and a potential public/private partnership 4-story mixed-use development on the vacant land across from city hall adjacent to the railroad tracks with a parking deck; referenced the $250 million dollar Henry County STEM School coming to the downtown area, with the goal to attract young millennials, noting the downtown area cannot survive with patrons only coming in on the weekend; referenced the Bridges of Jodeco project with restaurants coming in and a potential 5-star Marriott hotel and high-end condos; noted the recently opened Sprouts is the highest grossing store in the metro area; referenced the 50-acre Patrick Henry Pkwy. Development with proposed recreational uses, noting the Master Developer resides in Stockbridge and is investing in Stockbridge and the development of the southside, wanting to make this area a destination for high-tech; noted the positive behind data centers is the city would collect a franchise fee, with businesses balancing out the taxes with commercial taking on the bigger tax burden instead of the residents.

Mayor Ford noted the role of the PFA Board being a conduit to help the city fund public facilities and projects, noting the potential expansion of city hall.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. was made by Chair George; second by Vice Chair Glenn. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Minutes prepared by Vanessa Holiday, Secretary/Recorder

Executive Session Criteria	GA Code
Discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege. Identify the case or claim discussed but not the substance of the attorney-client discussion.	50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)
Discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property.	50-14-3(b)(1)(B)
Discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate.	50-14-3(b)(1)(C)
Discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote.	50-14-3(b)(1)(D)
Discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate.	50-14-3(b)(1)(E)
Discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee.	50-14-3(b)(2)
Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency.	50-14-3(b)(2)
A meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was [identify the matter but not the substance of the discussion.	50-14-2(1)
Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law.	50-14-3(a) (1)